

The **Minutes** of the **Mission Traffic and Transit Committee** meeting held in the **Conference Room** at the Municipal Hall at 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, BC on Thursday, February 2, 2017 commencing at 1:30 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Danny Plecas, Chair
Councillor Pam Alexis, Vice-Chair
Ken Collier, Member at large, resident of the District of Mission
Sanjay Gulati, Mission Community Services Society
Judith Ray, Mission Association for Seniors Housing
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works, District of Mission
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services, District of Mission
Lisa Trotter, BC Transit

Members Absent: Constable Alyn Beerda, RCMP
Kirsten Hargreaves, Manager of Social Development
Bob Ingram, Mission Seniors Activity Centre
Jodi Marshall, Mission Public Schools
George Johansen, First Group
Rebecca Newlove, BC Transit
Representative, Mission Association for Community Living
Representative, Mission Youth Committee
Representative, United Way Fraser Valley

Others Present: Graeme Cross, MOTI
Hirod Gill, Manager of Engineering Planning and Design
David Hill, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
Julie Holmes, Asset Technician
Sandra Johannson, Administrative Assistant
Russ Mammel, Consultant for the District of Mission
Dale Vinnish, Operations Supervisor
Kate Woochuk, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,

That the agenda of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee meeting held on February 2, 2017 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the February 2, 2017 meeting of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee be amended by:

- (a) replacing the words “Bob Ingram, Mission Association for Seniors Housing” with “Bob Ingram, Mission Seniors Activity Centre” under Members Present; and
- (b) replacing the words “Representative, Mission Seniors Activity Centre” with “Representative, Mission Association for Seniors Housing” under Members Absent.

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Parking at Mission Memorial Hospital

The Chair provided an update to the Committee regarding parking at Mission Memorial Hospital, noting that the parking situation has worsened in recent months.

A report has been provided to the hospital board regarding parking, and the hospital is going to be forming a committee to see how additional parking can be phased in. The committee will be comprised of internal hospital staff only. The hospital was to consult with the District, however communication thus far been minimal.

(b) 2nd Avenue Bus Shelter Maintenance and Pedestrian Safety

A memorandum from the District’s traffic consultant entitled “2nd Avenue Pedestrian Safety” was provided for the Committee’s information.

Discussion ensued and it was noted that safety improvements are needed all along the 2nd Avenue corridor, not just in front of the library. Cost sharing with ICBC is available for a new crosswalk; the amount is determined by the level of safety improvement that the new crosswalk would provide. BC Transit also offers cost sharing for new transit shelters.

MOTION:

That staff will report to Council on 2nd Avenue improvements and recommend:

- (a) That a new mid-block crosswalk be installed on 2nd Avenue near the library, including zebra pavement markings, pedestrian crosswalk signs, curb extensions on each side, catch basins, a raised crosswalk surface, and an ornamental street light, at an estimated cost of \$51,000;
- (b) That new transit shelters with improved design be installed on 2nd Avenue, with cost sharing with BC Transit;
- (c) That the speed limit on 2nd Avenue between Horne Street and Welton Street be reduced from 50 km/h to 30 km/h; and
- (d) Improve existing sidewalks.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEM: Once it is determined how many new transit shelters are required on 2nd Avenue, Lisa Trotter, BC Transit, will provide a time line for cost sharing between BC Transit and the District.

Following up with the issue of installing glass in existing 2nd Avenue bus shelters that was discussed at prior meetings, the Chair advised the Committee that the providers that the District is under contract with are not willing to modify the shelters, therefore this is not an option.

ICBC should be able to cost share on new crosswalks. An evaluation on safety needs to be done to determine the level of cost sharing.

(c) Speed Reader Boards on Cedar Street

A staff report to Council, "Traffic Noise and Safety Concerns on Cedar Street between Best Avenue and Egglestone Avenue, dated January 16, 2017, was provided for the Committee's information. The staff's recommendations within this report were approved by Council. A date for installation is pending.

(d) Horne Street Laneway

Tracy Kyle advised the Committee that the District sent a letter to the owners of 33327 1st Avenue, outlining the requirements to repair the retaining wall at the rear of their property. If the repairs are not completed by March 31, 2017, the District will undertake the repairs and bill the property owner for the work completed.

(e) MOTI Projects Update

Graeme Cross provided an update on projects that the MOTI is working on in Mission.

Highway 7 Widening – Silverdale Avenue to Nelson Street

A detailed design for the widening of Highway 7 will be complete soon. There will be left-turn access from Highway 7 to Chester Street to the south, but no left-turn access from Chester Street to the highway, heading west. There is ongoing discussion regarding how to turn vehicles around on Nelson Street onto Highway 7 westbound. Further consultation with the District of Mission is needed to finalize the design work.

Highways 7 and 11 Intersection – Conceptual Design Work

At the MTTC's meeting of December 1, 2016, Mr. Cross advised the Committee that the MOTI was in the conceptual design stage of looking at lengthening the eastbound right turn on Highway 7 to accommodate heavy right turn traffic movement onto Highway 11. It has since been determined that there are geotechnical/environmental issues on the south side of the highway, so this option is no longer being pursued. The exclusive extended dual left-turn lanes eastbound to northbound Cedar Street is still being pursued, although there is some concern that high volume may block thru lanes with this design.

Crosswalk at Glasgow Street and Horne Street

The MOTI was previously considering installing a crosswalk at this location, however it has been determined that with the existing dual right-turn lanes, a safe crossing cannot be provided without signalization. Due to the increased cost of safety with

signalization at this location, this will now be included as project work with the Ministry.

Highway 7 at Murray Street

The MOTI will be repainting stop bars away from the intersection at Highway 7 and Murray to accommodate wide-turning trucks. Work is expected to be done by the end of June.

Highway 7 at Dewdney Trunk Road

The MOTI is working with the District to clarify some of the issues at this location. The Ministry will be funding an engineering consultant to do a review of Highway 7 at Dewdney Trunk Road; the Terms of Reference is complete and the consultant is getting quotes for traffic counts.

There was a discussion regarding pothole repairs on the Abbotsford Mission Bridge. Mr. Cross will communicate with the Operations Manager at MOTI to see if pothole repairs on the bridge can be done on off-peak hours and also to alert District staff when maintenance is being done so that a notice can be posted on social media, etc.

(f) Transition to TransLink 701 Bus Service

Dan Sommer reported that the Deputy CAO is meeting with TransLink to discuss how the cost savings from the transition to the TransLink 701 Bus Service can best be utilized by increasing frequency. A staff report to Council is forthcoming.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Handy Dart Reliability and Booking Availability

Bob Ingram had requested this item on the agenda, however he was unable to attend this meeting, so it was agreed to defer this item to the April 6 MTTC meeting.

There have been some recent mechanical and weather events that caused some reliability issues, especially for handyDart riders. More buses have been brought in during repairs, so reliability should not be an issue moving forward.

(b) BC Transit Debrief on Snow and Ice Events

On behalf of George Johansen, Lisa Trotter thanked District staff for their snow-clearing efforts during recent snow and ice events. Due to the topography of Mission, it was noted that hills were a problem for the buses, especially when the roads were icy.

First Canada is continuing in its efforts to keep the District better informed of events/alerts in advance.

Ms. Trotter also noted that there is a 3-year plan in place for a new bus fleet.

(c) Background of Recent BC Transit Notice Alerts

Councillor Alexis advised the Committee that transit users have been taking advantage of the BC Transit Notice Alerts. However, there was one day when all service was cancelled between Mission and Abbotsford due to snow. Once some buses resumed service, riders were confused as the alerts weren't updated in time to reflect this.

Lisa Trotter will follow up to ensure that alerts are updated more efficiently.

(d) ICBC Road Safety Updates

Kate Woochuk provided an outline of upcoming ICBC campaigns, aimed at heightening awareness and enforcement around specific issues:

March, September	Distracted Driving
April	Auto Crime
May	High Risk Driving
Summer, Winter	Impaired Driving

In December 2016, ICBC partnered with MacDonald's Restaurants for the Counter Attack campaign to create a positive enforcement message and education opportunity. RCMP members thanked and handed out McDonald's coffee gift cards to "true" designated drivers.

As part of road safety education, ICBC has a number of road safety speakers that are available to speak to high school senior classes about how making poor choices while driving have impacted their lives, and the lives of their family and friends. By sharing their personal stories, they have been successful in education youth in BC about making smart driving decisions. Mission Senior Secondary recently had a speaker at the school.

Dan Sommer and Lisa Trotter left the meeting.

Ms. Woochuk provided a website demonstration on how to access crash data from ICBC's website. "Crash Maps" illustrates how many crashes have occurred at Lower Mainland intersections, helping to determine where enforcement could be increased.

It was noted that ICBC's contributions towards seven District of Mission road projects in 2016 totalled \$121,000. This is the highest amount contributed by ICBC to the District of Mission to date.

Sanjay Gulati left the meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence to the District and accompanying responses regarding various traffic concerns, were received by the Committee for information.

7. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 1:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers at the Municipal Hall.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.